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the PRESIDENT'S column

GOD CARES

Man counts with God. This is the stupendous Christian fact. Not to save whirling worlds from collision and extinction, not to create a new solar system, not to [illegible] God cares for man.

[illegible] with [illegible] Him, [illegible] out this far-off corner of His universe and [illegible] by the tragic sacrifice of Himself. He planned heaven and earth that man might again be brought to God!

God cares for man. This is the message of Christmas. And how sadly needed in this day is this message of God's love for man.

If man counts so much with God, how highly then should man regard his brother. Never might we to use others merely for selfish ends. Immanuel Kant has declared man's duty always to employ human nature "never simply as a means but always at the same time as an end."

The libertine, then, who would purchase or steal a woman's virtue, the embezzler who sets a price on integrity, the ruler who owns his subjects for power, the capitalist who debases [illegible] for manmade [illegible] — in short anyone who "has his price" — sells his birthright as a person, prostitutes human personality by making it a means to selfish ends, whereas [illegible] [illegible] ated worlds and to redeem which He gave His only begotten [illegible].

We are stwards of personality. e persons we meet, those who rve us, whatever their sphere barbers, bootblacks, cooks, achers, preachers, statesmen are not alone means to our mfort and well-being, but are emselves of infinite worth, eatures for whom Christ died. How quickly a clear recogni- n of the claim of stewardship this realm would settle con- ts of labor and capital, of na- n and nation, of race and race In fact all problems involving man relationships and the ori- tation of the Christian to his low. But these adjustments impossible on the human lev- alone. They await a higher justment, the surrender of n to God. Only with this sur- der does man catch the true aning of Christmas.

Huge N[illegible] Gathering At Conference In Detroit

God's Service Star

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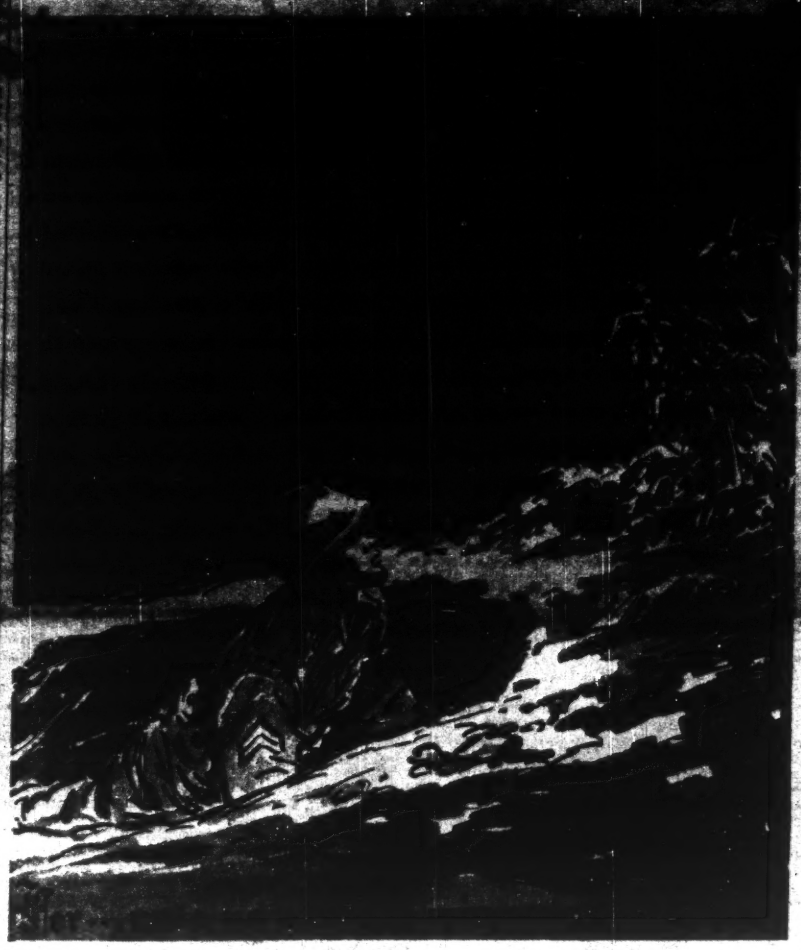

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The series was the first [illegible] sponsored by the Detroit Committee, of which Dr. William C. Coleman of the Highland Park Church is the chairman. All meetings were held in the Central Presbyterian Church, one of the first in Detroit to join N. A. E. Dr. Roy L. Smith is the pastor.

The committee pronounced the series one of the most helpful ever held in the city. The attendance was light in the opening sessions, but grew steadily as the news of the blessing spread throughout the city.

Dr. J. Elwin Wright opened the series on the first Sunday with a message entitled "Organized Modernism Seeks Control." Com- [illegible] of spiritual l[illegible] In the evening the more definitely evangelistic note was sounded.

A truly distinguished group of speakers brought the Word effectively and with conviction. Beside Dr. Jos Jones, these included Dr. Harry J. Hagar of Bethany Reformed Church in Chicago, Dr. F. D. Whitesell of Northern Baptist Seminary, Dr. Harry A. Ironside of Moody Memorial Church, Rev. Melville G. Hatcher of the N. A. E. staff, Mr. Howard W. Ferrin, president of Providence Bible Institute, and

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Bible Society's Activities Are Endorsed

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (RNS) — Fifty-two representatives of 42 denominations that give financial support to the American Bible Society, attended the annual meeting of its Advisory Council here, and expressed their support of the society's regular and special activities.

It was urged by the delegates that the society, in view of the huge success of its Nationwide Bible Reading campaign, now in progress until Christmas, explore the possibility of making the observance world-wide in scope next year, with the selected scripture passages to be produced in many languages.

Plans for the society's national drive to raise $3,000,000 for a War Emergency Fund were endorsed, as was its post-war rehabilitation program to distribute Bibles in war-stricken countries.

Society officials said the meeting was the most largely attended advisory session in the organization's history.

GOD'S SERVICE STAR

God's Service Star ★ God gave His Son.

"We have seen His star." It shown over Bethlehem then, and it shines over battlefields now.

"Now when Jesus was born—there came wise men saying,—we have seen His star." Wisdom does not consist in seeing stars, but in seeing "His star." Herod saw stars, but missed "His star." The chief priests and scribes beheld the heavens, but saw not "His star." The memory of these men is preserved to us, not because they saw stars, but because they saw "His star." Wisdom begins here; life begins here; worship is born here; song springs forth herein hope shines here; victory begins here—They saw "His star."

"They saw His star in the east." Not the west. The significance is not geographical but glorious, for the east speaks of the dawn, when morning gilds the skies, for Jesus is spoken of as "the bright and morning star." Nay, much more than this: He declares this concerning Himself: "I am the bright and morning star," and to those who have eyes to see, the STAR is high in the heavens. The same Christ who said, "I am the light of the world," also said, "I am the bright and morning star," and to those who lift up their eyes, the light is shining, and must continue to shine more and more unto the perfect day.

In a world that is upside down and inside out; a world that is deluged in blood and tears, and filled with lust and hate; whose madness and sadness have shut out gladness, the human heart needs light that can penetrate earths' deepest shadows, and sin's darkest night—and behold, the light is here, "AND THAT LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS; BUT THE DARKNESS DID NOT (and cannot) ABSORB IT."

It was a black night when "His star" appeared. Cor-

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Rev. Emery Receives Call From Church

WASHINGTON, Vt., Dec. 14 — The Reverend E. C. Emery, pastor here in Washington, has been invited to serve as pastor in Websterville, Vt., in addition to his present responsibility in Washington.

Mr. Emery is the son of Mr. Allen C. Emery, outstanding Christian wool merchant of Boston.

Wyrtzen To Be In Mexico

NEW YORK, Dec. 9—Jack Wyrtzen, director of the Word of Life Hour from New York City, will be in Mexico during the month of January, it was recently announced. He is going there as a guest of the Wycliffe Translators.

During the absence of Jack, Carlton Booth will be in charge of the Word of Life Hour, with many outstanding guest speakers expected. Among these will be Sheldon Helsley, prominent youth leader of the New England Fellowship. Mr. Helsley has been greatly blessed in his ministry among the young people of the Eastern Seaboard.

outh Rallies Inaugurated In N. H.

OCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 11 — the November meeting of the hester Regional Evangelical ociation, it was suggested something be done for the g people of Rochester and r-by cities. A Saturday eve- g meeting was proposed and nimously passed upon. A mittee of three pastors was ted and given authority to e preparations for the initial ting.

turday, Dec. 2, in City Hall torium, the first meeting held. Three hundred people ered to hear Evangelist Shel- G. Helsley of the New Eng- Fellowship preach the un- chable riches of Christ. The t of God moved upon the e in convicting power.

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Chilton's Corner

THE WISE AND THE UNWISE

Since this is the Christmas number, we are including a Christmas item in this column. We will resume the other aspects under the series "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," in following issues.

The careful student of the scriptures will catch at once the significance of the story of Christmas as told by Matthew in the setting forth of this contrast and comparison. We see the story in relation to the wise and the unwise, and so marked is the contrast, and so suggestive the comparison that we cannot help but relate it at once with the parables of the Wise and Foolish Virgins as told by Jesus.

Strange indeed that the wise in this story are found among the strangers and foreigners, while the unwise are discovered among "His own." "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." Jesus Himself said: "—Many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven: but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out." In any case the star ("His star") is in the sky, and some have eyes to see, while others "have eyes and see not, and ears and hear not."

We have the advent in respect to the wise. "There came wise men from the east. Thank God for the wise men of North, South, East and West. They are still among us. They are always seeing "His star" and following its light that they may come to where the Saviour is. Their one aim is to keep step with Him; to follow Him; to obey Him; to please Him.

The first thing to note is that they sought the Christ-child. The God-given cry of the heart that is open to the light is this: "Oh that I knew where I might find Him!" To such the star always appears. The light may seem faint at first, but when followed it "grows more and more unto the perfect day." It may be but a star, but the star when followed brings us to the "SON" — the "Sun of righteousness who arises with healing in His wings." But we must be sure to follow the gleam.

They also found. Where we can honestly write the first, we can always write the second, for "They that seek shall find." If we are not finding, we need to look into the character of our seeking. When men follow the star of conviction; the star of conscience; the star of divine light, the Christ is sure to be found along the road. "And ye shall seek Me and find Me, when ye seek for Me with your whole heart."

The wise also worshipped. If it is true that seeking is always linked with finding, so finding is always associated with worship. Modernism does not worship Jesus because it has never found Him. Organized liberalism is not following the star, but on the contrary is following in the light of its own sparks. Men who deny Christ's deity have never found Him, and for this reason, they never worship Him. To truly seek is to find, and to truly find is to worship and adore. No one can truly find Jesus without bending the knee. Those who fail to worship Jesus as the Son of God have never found Him. He claims our worship, our love and our all. Because He is our treasure, we will open to Him our treasure.

The wise also obeyed. "They went by another way." This is most suggestive and significant. When men through following "His star" find Jesus, they always go by another way. When Saul of Tarsus met Jesus on the road; he went by another way. From that time onward, Paul declared: "No longer I, but Christ."

In this same chapter in Mat-

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Chinese Evangelist Speaks To 25,000 In North West Pacific Area

PORTLAND Oregon, Dec. 14. (Special to United Evangelical Action) — Challenging 25,000 young people to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour, Chinese evangelist MUN HOPE of Victoria, B. C. Canada, reminded large audiences in Oregon City, Portland and Vancouver, Washington that the world has apparently forgotten that the Lord Jesus Christ has not only died for our sins but that He return is imminent.

Evangelist MUN HOPE, whose Chinese name is KWONG MAN LOW, has been in Oregon and Washington State during the past two months reaching audiences of young people ranging from one thousand gathered in the Oregon City High School auditorium to twenty-three hundred in the Portland Jefferson High School auditorium with his clear cut, undimming Gospel messages. Meetings were held in the Portland Benson Polytechnical High School for two thousand boys; Vancouver Senior High School auditorium in Washington State; Milwaukie High School and numerous other auditoriums.

He warned modern religious leaders against plunging the world into a dangerous crisis because they have denied the

Mun Hope

virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, His deity, the blood atonement and the imminent second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He urged the young people of America not to delay their day of salvation but accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. He warned them that their rejection of the Saviour meant that they would have to face him later as their Judge.

Jack Wyrtzen, Carlton Booth, Norman Clayton Report Many Conversions In New England

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 12—A great week of meetings was held in Maine from Nov. 13-17. The week began with two remarkable meetings in New Hampshire, Hampton Falls in the afternoon where there were 43 signed decisions, and in Concord at night where an even larger number responded to the invitation given.

The next stop was Mars Hill, a spot where hospitality reigns. "Fifty people were waiting in the church when we arrived at 5 o'clock in the morning," is the entry in Carl's journal. Young people were conspicuous in these meetings, many of whom brought their lunch in order to insure for themselves a seat. The evening service in Mars Hill witnessed a packed church, with a crowd of from 300 to 400, many of whom came as far as 75 miles to attend the service. The Whitwells, evangelists of the New England Fellowship, who were holding a meeting in Robinson, dismissed their services to join in this rally. The service was broadcast from the church.

The meeting in Milo was reported as one of real victory. Radio friends drove in as far away as Greenville on Moose Head Lake. Here 25 clean-cut decisions were made for Christ. Among those present in this service was Princess Wata Wassa of the Penobscot tribe of Indians. Two days later a service was held in the beautiful little chapel on Indian Island built by the devoted efforts of Pastor Starr through the whole-hearted co-operation of Indian Christians.

On Wednesday morning a service was held in the Milo High School, a service which yielded real fruitage for God. In the evening of the same day, the church in Ellsworth was the scene of a most successful meeting. Forty-three stepped out for the Saviour in this service.

Thursday brought the party to Waterville, Me., with a congregation between 600 or 700, the largest in the history of the church. Over 40 turned to the Lord in this meeting.

Sanford was the next stop. Extra seats were required to accomodate the crowd in this place. Here the Lord added over 40 to the church. A middle-aged man for whom prayer had been offered for 25 years was gloriously saved. In all, there were 200 decisions for the week. Only eternity can reveal the work accomplished and the blessing imparted during this happy week of ministry. "God is faithful who hath promised."

Jewish Population Set At 5,199,000

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9 (JONS) —The Jewish population of the United States has increased by 428,344 to a total of 5,199,000 during the past six years, according to the 46th volume of The American Jewish Year Book, issued by the Jewish Publication Society of America.

Ratio of the Jewish to the general population in 1943 is estimated at 3.7 per cent, the same figure as in 1937.

In addition to calendars, reviews, and statistics, directory of organizations, and lists of periodicals, the Year Book contains special articles on Jewish leaders and groups, a roster of Jews in American public service, names of those who have been honored or decorated for war service, a necrology, an extensive American Jewish bibliography, and a list of special bequests and gifts at home and abroad.

Broadcasters Committee Meet In Capitol

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5 (Special to N.E.A.) — An all day meeting of the Executive Committee of National Religious Broadcasters was held here today. Present were Dr. William Ward Ayer of New York, Dr. Clinton B. Churchill of Buffalo, Mr. Howard W. Ferrin of Providence, R. I., Dr. John R. Zeller of Detroit, Rev. Glenn V. Tingley of Birmingham, and Mr. Dale Crowley of Washington.

There was a general discussion of the program to be followed in the interests of gospel broadcasting.

A compilation of information regarding every religious broadcast in the United States will be undertaken at once.

A motion was passed fixing the fee for charter membership in the association at 25 dollars. Application forms are to be prepared and sent out directly to all evangelical broadcasters.

It was also voted that a full time executive secretary be employed. Dr. Zeller was requested to interview a prospective candidate for the position.

Messrs. Tingley, Zeller, and Ayer were instructed to prepare a series of letters to be sent to prospective members.

Mr. Ferrin was authorized to act as the official representative of the organization in the field of FM broadcasting.

Soviet Religious Group Thanks American Baptists

MOSCOW, Dec. 14 (by wireless) (ENS) — The newly-formed All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians and Baptists of the U.S.S.R. has sent a message of thanks to American Baptists for aid given Soviet war victims through Russian War Relief.

The message acknowledged a report from Dr. Walter O. Lewis, Washington, D. C., general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, stating that Baptists in the United States have sent to Russia over 200,000 kits containing food, clothing, and other articles.

"This contribution is especially dear to us as coming from our brothers in Christ," the Russian churchmen declared. The message was signed on behalf of the council by Jacob Zhidkov, chairman; M. I. Golayev and M. A. Orlov, deputy chairmen; A. V. Karov, secretary; and P. I. Malin, treasurer.

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Plans For Great New York Conference Nears Completion

Many Nationally Known Leaders To Participate In 8-Day Conclave

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—The conference on evangelism, sponsored by the N.A.E. in cooperation with Calvary Baptist Church and many other Gospel loving churches of the surrounding area, will be a high spot in the season's activities. There will be five principal sessions each day at Calvary Baptist Church and, in addition, noon services will be held at Johns Methodist Church in the financial district. Others speakers will be heard at luncheon gatherings of the Christian Business Men's Committees of New York, Newark and other near-by cities. Each evening several extension services will be held at which the conference speakers will sound the note of evangelism.

The New York conference is expected to provide a pattern for many other conferences which are planned during the coming months. Each morning at 10:30, a special session will be held for pastors and full-time Christian workers only. These session will be addressed by speakers who have a special message to suit the need of the leaders. It is expected that a considerable portion of the morning will be spent in earnest prayer for heart-searching and an infilling of the Spirit for the critical days ahead.

Every afternoon at two o'clock there will be an expository message bearing upon the central theme of evangelism. At three o'clock, a unique feature is introduced, which will be known as the Work-Shop in Evangelism. On successive days The Program of Organized Modernism, The Opportunity of Evangelism in Radio, Industrial Chaplaincies, United Action in Local Communities, Post War Missions, Laymen's Evangelism will be considered, each under the leadership of men who are expert in the respective fields under consideration.

One of the most interesting features in the work shop portion of the program will be held on Thursday, the 11th, when Dr. Robert H. Glover, of the China Inland Mission, will bring an address at two o'clock on the general subject of post war mission work. From three to five o'clock, Dr. A. J. Bowen, Dr. A. C. Snead, Rev. K. Paul Yphantis, Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer and one or two other missionary leaders will join Dr. Glover on the platform for a panel discussion of the subject. This meeting will be directed by Rev. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary for missions of N. A. E.

At six o'clock each day there will be a special feature hour for the showing of missionary pictures, a demonstration of model radio programs and other interesting inovations. At the regular evening service, there will be an evangelistic message. The various speakers will also be used over the radio from day to day.

Delegates from many points in New York, New Jersey and New England will be in attendance at the meetings.

Baptist Seminary Begins Winter Term

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 8 — Registration of 15 new students for the winter quarter, which extends from Nov. 28 to March 3, raised enrollment at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, to 323, according to President Charles W. Koller. The seminary maintains a rigid process of selection, which eliminates many prospective students before enrollment day, on the ground of insufficient academic preparation. The day of prayer for winter quarter is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 12.

Dr. Wright Reviews 1944 Activities Of N. A. E.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14 — In reply to inquiries regarding the progress of the work of the National Association of Evangelicals during the past year, Dr. J. Elwin Wright, field secretary, today expressed his gratification over the great advances which have been made. He stated that the eight commissions which were authorized by the last national convention are functioning splendidly. "It must be realized," he stated, "that in the initial stages of a great national movement such as this, a considerable period of time must necessarily be spent in laying well the foundation before a superstructure can be built."

"Much of the work of the corporated existence of N.A.E. has been unspectacular because it has been a period of developing the basis for future projects."

Clyde Taylor Appointed Director Of Commission for Missions

"The Commission for Missions has secured the services of Rev. Clyde W. Taylor as executive secretary. He has been located at our Washington office for several months and is demonstrating the practicability of commending such an office. Many passport problems are being solved and, in addition to this, the office has been helpful in many other matters requiring government contact. Now that the office is well established and functioning smoothly, Mr. Taylor will be able to devote a portion of his time to speaking engagements in missionary conventions and conferences on evangelism. He will be in attendance at the New York conference Jan. 7-14, and afterwards at a series in the southwestern area.

"A survey of all missionary

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Salvation Army Maps Out Program

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 10 (RNS) — Problems of economic migration, alcoholism, returning service men, youth work, and social service will be major subjects of discussion at the Salvation Army's national conference in Milwaukee next May, it was decided at a meeting of its National Planning Council here.

Representatives of the Salvation Army from its four territories in the U. S. and from Canada, were present to draw up the agenda for the Milwaukee sessions.

"We want to discuss current aspects of migration," said Major Gilbert S. Decker of Atlanta, Ga., territorial co-ordinator for U.S.O. activities in the southern area, "new legislation affecting social work, the problems of returning service men and women, more effective youth programs, a study of alcoholism, and extension of the social case work principle to more regular Salvation Army activities."

He explained that the Army's only business in any of these matters was that it was bound up "in our preaching of the Gospel and these things have grown to be a part of our program."

He explained that the problems facing the Salvation Army in Canada were different from those in the United States only in the smallest details and that the discussion program formulated here covered its work in both countries.

The Officers, Executive Committee, Board of Administration of the National Association of Evangelicals and the Staff of United Evangelical Action join in wishing our great and growing constituency a Blessed Christmas Season.

Dr. Albert G. Johnson Elected Pres. Pacific N.W. Fellowship

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11 — Under the auspices of the Oregon and South Washington conference of the National Association of Evangelicals, a ministerial fellowship was organized at the banquet room of the YMCA in Portland, Ore., on Thursday, Nov. 30, during the breakfast fellowship from 7:30 to 9:00 o'clock.

Thirty-eight ministers were present for the breakfast and fellowship which followed. During the business session, the following officers were elected: Dr. Albert G. Johnson, pastor of the Hinson Memorial Baptist Church, president; Rev. Bob Coulter, pastor of the Selwood Nazarene Church, vice-president, and Dr. Graeme C. Smith, pastor of the Staub Memorial Congregational Church, secretary-treasurer.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Johnson said, "It is with a sense of deep responsibility that I accept the appointment to have some part of the leadership in this fellowship. I have a pretty good sized job to do for a man of my size and I was reluctant when the committee first came to me. Our seminary is quite a burden of responsibility to me. I have the presidency of our International Leper Missionary Society, and I am a member of our new Conservative Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, and pastor of Hinson Church, but I accept the position because I feel that united evangelicals have a very important work to do. I gladly do it out of conviction, and in the hope that we can surely find in this fellowship the thing that we are hungry for." The need of such a fellowship was outlined as Dr. Johnson continued, "What I think we need is something that I sense lies deep in our hearts, and was felt in our hearts and in our prayer service this morning. It is a warm spiritual glow, something which God the Holy Ghost is pleased to honor and bestow upon those ready to receive it. I don't doubt that every man here craves fellowship. I know that I do."

"Trends and counter-trends" in our country today was the theme of Dr. Johnson's message. These trends were cited theologically, scholastically and in their various outworkings in our corporate and individual lives. Counter-trends theologically are seen in such movements as the National Association of Evangelicals, the institution of orthodox seminaries and schools and conservative missionary societies.

Dr. Paul Petticord, district superintendent of the evangelical churches in the area; Rev. Wesley Johnson, "It's the Truth" radio temperance worker, and Rev. Bob Coulter were named as a committee of three to work in co-operation with Rev. William H. Nagel, Northwest Pacific regional director, in working out a program for the ministerial fellowship, which is scheduled at present to meet twice a month at the Central YMCA banquet room in Portland.

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agencies having offices in the United States is in progress."

New Jersey Executive Heads Industrial Chaplaincies

"The Commission for Industrial Chaplaincies, under the efficient chairmanship of Mr. A. Herman Amerding of Newark, N. J., is exploring the whole field with the expectation of developing a nation-wide system whereby competent chaplains will be available to industry. This work will be in the exploratory stage between now and the time of the national convention in Chicago next May. It is believed that a report of great interest and importance will be ready at that time. It is planned to solicit the services of chaplains in the armed forces for the use of industry as soon as they are discharged from their country's service. A list of those who have been especially competent as soul winners is being compiled."

Army and Navy Chaplaincies

"Dr. Harold John Ockenga was appointed chairman of the Commission for Army and Navy Chaplaincies. Under his leadership a quota for chaplains has been received for N.A.E. and applications are in process of acceptance. The work of this commission will not be as extensive as that of some of our other commissions as many of our constituent bodies are already provided for in other ways. More than 50 chaplains from our constituent denominations are now in active service."

Hatcher Appointed Secretary of Evangelism

"Rev. Melville G. Hatcher has been occupied for several months as executive secretary for Evangelism. It is not the function of N.A.E. to set up evangelistic campaigns, as it is believed that projects of this sort should be handled by local committees. It is our function to encourage all types of evangelism, and particularly to promote conferences on evangelism where the leadership of churches will be encouraged to greater activity in all forms of evangelism. With this in view, several conferences of this kind have already been successfully promoted and a large number are projected for this Winter and Spring. The first of the 1945 series will be the one at the Calvary Baptist Church in New York City Jan. 7-14, which will provide a pattern for similar efforts in many other communities."

Commission for War Relief

"Our Commission for War Relief is building a great program, the extent of which is impossible to estimate at the moment. Mr. Frank D. Lombar of Philadelphia, a prominent insurance executive, has accepted the position of executive secretary and will devote full time to this work after the first of January. Many tons of material have already been received, and additional amounts are being held in local storage by our committees in charge throughout the nation. Adequate facilities for the baling and storage of this material are being sought. It is expected that by the first of the year we will be able to advise our committees that shipments may be made in any quantity. In the meanwhile the local committees are encouraged to hold shipment as far as is convenient to avoid congestion at our collection centers in Boston and Philadelphia."

Commission for Church Schools

"One of the finest and most constructive projects is that of our Commission for Church Schools, which has been engaged for the past several months in the production of uniform lesson outlines designed for use in classes for Bible instruction under the released time system, which is now legal in many states. These outlines for use in all primary and elementary grades are now completed, and have been released to select organizations for experimental use during the coming months. At the end of the school year, these organizations will add their suggestions and criticisms. The Commission will then revise the outlines and release them to publishers for printing and general distribution in time for the opening of schools in the Autumn of 1945."

Commission On Radio

"Our Commission for Radio has completed a valuable survey of one phase of religious broadcasting. This was published in a recent issue of 'United Evangelical Action'. An audience survey is now in progress which will be printed within the next two or three months.

"Through the encouragement of our Commission for Radio, a corporation under the name of National Religious Broadcasters has been set up as an independent organization. This has already gained the support of a large number of broadcasters throughout the nation. A constitutional convention was held in Chicago in September, and the first annual meeting will precede the N.A.E. national convention in Chicago next Spring."

United Evangelical Action

"Many Christian leaders are warmly commending the progress which has been made in the form and printing of "United Evangelical Action." This newspaper, which is designed to bring world-wide reports of all evangelical work, regardless of its affiliation with our organization, is building a great constituency. It is confidently expected that in the course of time this newspaper will be widely recognized as one of the most reliable sources of information regarding church affairs."

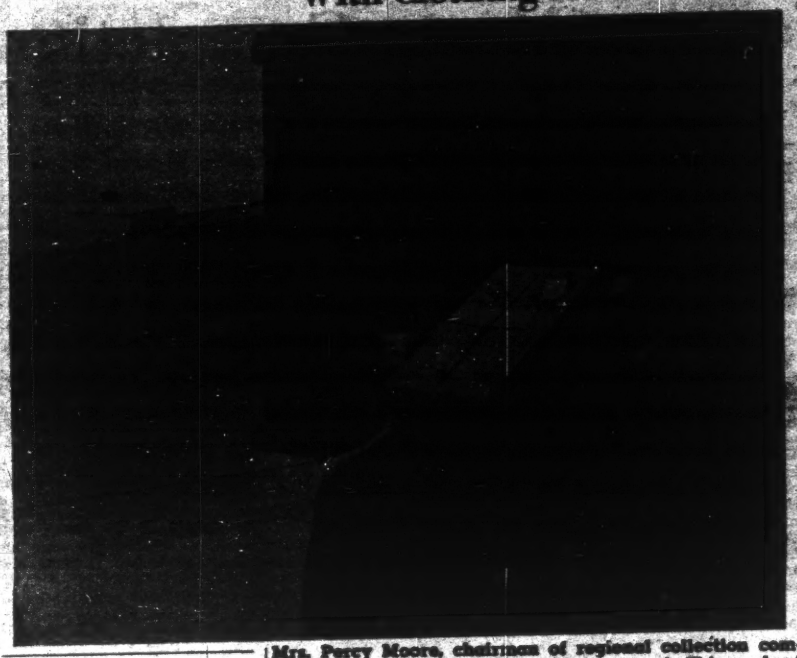
William Nagel Director of Northwestern Region

"The past year has witnessed a great increase in the activities of our local committees throughout the nation. Rev. William H. Nagel has been employed by the Northwestern Region as full time director. Under his tireless administration the interest is rapidly increasing and new committees are being formed throughout the area. At least four or five regional or local committees are at the point of employing full time secretaries.

"Under our local committees, a number of evangelistic campaigns have been held which have made a great impression upon the respective communities.

"We are closing our fiscal year with a feeling that God has led us marvelously and that the new year will be full of even greater things. We now have a membership of about 900,000. There seems to be a reasonable prospect that we will cross the million mark before the time of the national convention in Chicago."

Chicago N.A.E. District Deluged With Clothing for War Relief



Mrs. Percy Moore, chairman of regional collection committee, and Director Torrey Johnson of Chicago-land Youth for Christ watch a package being put on the truck in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3 — Clothes, clothes and more clothes are flowing into the great Moody Memorial Church in Chicago these Saturday nights as thousands of young and old people do their bit to help needy Christians in the European area endure what is expected to be a hard and cold winter.

Mid-west headquarters of the N.A.E.'s drive for European clothing relief have been established in the Chicago-land Youth for Christ organization, which now is filling famed Moody church from Saturday night to Saturday night as the youth rallies, which started last May in the hub of the Midwest, continue to win souls to the Lord and present a stirring testimony to the youth of Chicago.

Each Saturday night finds a large pile of clothing placed in the main vestibule of Moody Church. Mothers of servicemen, sisters of men in uniform, little children, old ladies, young men (one by one they come) ask for the place to leave their clothing, walk over and place it in the pile and then go inside the auditorium to join the rally.

Since the rallies started, the young people and others have collected over a ton of clothing which has been already packed and shipped across. A great publicity campaign was in progress in late November to increase the amount of clothing brought each Saturday night.

But it is not only the Chicago-land Youth group that sends its clothing through the Windy City group. The entire middlewest area has been contacted and all articles of clothing are asked to be sent through the mail or by express to Chicago-land Youth for Christ, Zone 41, Chicago, Ill. Every Monday morning a truck pulls up at Moody Church, loads up with the donations of Saturday night, hauls them to the Chicago office which has been rented, and there a group of ladies headed by Mrs. Percy Moore, chairman of the city collection committee, puts them into boxes ready for shipment to the East coast and thence overseas.

"The drive has been in progress only a few weeks, but already it is starting to assume giant proportions. It serves a double purpose in that it gives the youth of Chicago a chance to do something for their fellow-Christians overseas along with enjoying the blessings of a youth rally, which is "geared to the times but anchored to the rock" under directors Torrey Johnson, Robert Cook and Douglas Fisher.

Women Parolees To Receive Christmas Gifts

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (RNS) — Women's church groups will cooperate with the Salvation Army in giving 1,000 Christmas gifts to women parolees and women about to be paroled from state and federal prisons, Lt. Col. Agnes McKernan, director of the Eastern Territory Women's Prison Bureau of the Salvation Army reported here. The gifts will include clothing, accessories, jewelry, and toilet articles.

The Salvation Army will conduct Christmas services in nearly 100 correctional institutions for women in the Eastern Territory states, Col. McKernan said. Army bands and glee clubs will visit most of the institutions, and candy, religious literature, calendars, and small feminine gifts will be distributed.

Detroit—

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others. Mr. Stratton Shufelt's direction of the music was a great blessing.

All expenses were met and a considerable surplus remained for the work of the local N. A. E. committee.

On Saturday, the second, a special meeting of pastors and leaders was called by the Executive Committee to consider the appointment of a full time executive secretary. A prominent executive of a nationally known trade organization, who recently resigned because of his feeling that he should enter Christian work, was called to the conference from New York.

After some discussion the pastors present decided that it would be advisable to find out if the interest in establishing an office for the Detroit and Michigan Association was sufficient to make the proposal financially feasible. In a few moments $2300 was tentatively pledged. The Executive Committee was encouraged to call a meeting for December 8 to take final action.

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Founder's Week From Feb. 5 to 11

CHICAGO, Dec. 15—Lt.-Gen. Sir William G. S. Dobbie, who attained world fame as the defender of Malta, and Lady Dobbie will top the list of speakers for the thirty-ninth annual Founder's Week Conference, Feb. 5 to 11, at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. The conference commemorates the birth date of D. L. Moody, renowned evangelist and founder of the institute.

Daytime sessions, beginning at 9:30 A. M., will be held in Torrey-Gray Auditorium, 860 N. La-Salle street, Sunday afternoon and all evening meetings will be held in Moody Memorial Church, Clark street and North Avenue.

The appearance of the high ranking British general at Founder's Week Conference is made more significant by the announcement of Dr. Will H. Houghton, Institute president, of the American tour which is being arranged for Gen. Dobbie immediately following the conference, under institute auspices. "Gen. Dobbie is a world-famous military figure and an outstanding Christian," said Dr. Houghton, "and he has a story to tell that should be of interest to everyone, including those in military and governmental circles."

During the Malta siege, the general's unwavering faith and firm Christian testimony won the respect of his own soldiers and Malta civilians. Even during the days of the most severe bombing he held regular Bible classes for his men.

Lady Dobbie, who has shared with her husband many of the hardships of his long military career, is described as an able speaker in her own right, and is being scheduled for special meetings during the tour, as well as for addresses during Founder's Week Conference.

Among the other conference speakers are Rev. Ralph T. Davis, general secretary of the Africa Inland Mission; Dr. Martin Dellaan, noted radio network preacher and Bible teacher of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. Charles Feinberg, of Dallas Theological Seminary faculty; Dr. Eric Lindenburg, evangelist and missionary to South India; Dr. H. A. Ironside, pastor of Moody Memorial Church, Chicago; Clarence Jones, of radio station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador; Dr. John G. Mitchell, on the faculty of Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, Ore.; Irwin A. Moon, well-known preacher-scientist of Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. Robert Munger, pastor of South Hollywood Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, Calif.; Erling C. Olsen, New York investment executive; Dr. W. L. Pettingill, internationally known Bible expositor; Rev. W. E. Pietsch, radio evangelist of Waterloo, Ia.; Dr. Harry Rimmer, colorful defender of the Bible's veracity; Dr. Paul W. Rood, president of the World Christian Fundamentals Association, Inc.; Rev. Frank C. Torrey, pastor of Lancaster, Pa.; Dr. Harry Ironside Bruch, evangelist; Dr. C. Mervin Goodbridge, former missionary, now pastor in Salisbury, N. C.; Dr. William Culbertson, dean of the Institute; Dr. H. L. Lundquist; Dr. Max I. Reich, and Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, of the institute faculty. Dr. Houghton will preside at most of the sessions.

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Youth Rally At Hartford, Conn.

Girls' Trio singing to Audience in Hartford recently, whose Jack Wyetzen, Carlton Booth and Norman Clayton were the headliners.

Youth—

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When the invitation was given, 17 fine young men and young women came forward. That was a touching sight! It seems as though God put His stamp of approval on the very first meeting.

After the meeting some of the young people expressed their opinions. Some of them were as follows: "This is just what we want." "We have been praying for something like this for a long time, and the Lord is just answering our prayers." "Why wasn't something like this started before?" It is obvious from these comments that the young Christians want these meetings; it is the association's desire to help them in every possible way.

We pray that through these meetings many lost, weary, sin-sick souls will be swept into the Kingdom of God and that many young Christians may fully consecrate their lives to the Lord for full time service.

Evangelical Reports Growth in Number of Councils

NEW YORK (ENS) Dec. 15 — Protestants are now represented by councils of churches in 366 cities and counties, and by ministerial associations in 1,400 other communities, it was reported here by Dr. J. Quinter Miller, field secretary of the Federal Council of Churches.

Of these 363 councils, 220 are conducted by volunteer leaders and 127 have paid executives, Dr. Miller said.

Thirteen councils have been formed since April 1, he reported, at Topeka, Kans., New Bedford, Mass., and San Antonio, Texas, with full-time executives, and at Burlington, Vt., Everett, Gardner, and Northampton, Mass., Glenn Falls, N. Y., Keene, N. H., Live Oak, Fla., Lewiston-Auburn and Oxford County, Me., and Worcester, Ohio, with voluntary leaders. In addition, councils in Portland, Me., Hartford, Conn., Albany, N. Y., and Springfield, Ill., have put executives on a full-time basis.

Dr. Miller said that 19 other communities have councils in the process of organization, at Akron, Ohio, Bennington, Vt., Benton Harbor, Mich., Bethlehem, Pa., Coleman, Texas, Des Moines, Iowa, Elmere, N. Y., Freeport, Texas, Fort Thomas, Ky., Fulton County, N. Y., Lincoln, Nebr., Littlestown, Pa., Merom, Ind., Midland, Mich., Salina, Kans., Starkville, Miss., San Diego, Calif., Williamsville, N. Y., and White Haven, Fla.

State councils of churches, Dr. Miller added, have been formed in New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Virginia, since April 1. In New Jersey a merger of the Council of Christian Education, Council of Churches, and the Council of Church Women into a New Jersey Council of Churches has been approved and will be completed in 1945.

Methodists Favor Stricter Divorce Law

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 9. (ENS) — Repeal of Arkansas' 90-day residence divorce law was demanded by the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Church in annual session here. A resolution, presented by Dr. Matt Ellis, president of Henderson State Teachers College, said the law was "destructive of the divine purpose" of marriage and brought the state into disrepute.

The next state legislature, meeting in January, was asked to repeal the present law and substitute one requiring a minimum of at least one year's bona fide residence in Arkansas before a divorce can be granted. The resolution also asked that a law be passed requiring five days public declaration of intention to marry before issuance of a license.

The Little Rock Ministerial Alliance, representing all denominations, passed a similar resolution a few months ago, announcing that if the 1945 legislature did not take appropriate action, the ministers would seek initiation of the desired laws in the 1946 general election.

The Methodist conference also authorized purchase for $100,000 of the Ozark sanatorium in Hot Springs for a state Methodist hospital.

Chilton—

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thew, we see the advent of Jesus in relation to the unwise. First of all, they feared. This was craven fear. Whenever and wherever Jesus is born wickedness quakes. It is true in domestic life, business life, social life or political life. Let a revival come and wickedness will scream, while the devil will always roar. The presence of persecution is a sure evidence of the presence of Justis. Whenever the forces of this world begin to make a stir, we can be sure of one thing, that the Christ is manifesting Himself somewhere.

The unwise also refused. "Light is come — and men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil." Acceptance of the light of "His star" is more an issue of the heart than of the head. Our difficulties are more moral than intellectual. Vested interests and selfish motives always lift up their voices against the Lord's Christ.

Finally, the unwise fulfilled. Thank God, He makes even the wrath of men to praise Him. Herod did not defeat God's plan; he fulfilled it. The same truth is given us in Acts 4:28. The devil may roar, but God reigns, and He must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet. The first Advent is but the pledge and promise of the Second. Said Jesus: "I will come again." So ring the Christmas bells, for the prospects are as bright as the promises of God.

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1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

The Federal Council and the Universalist Church

The application of the Universalist Church for membership in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America which was held over from last year, had to be faced in the recent convention of the council in Pittsburgh. This application was one of the most annoying and ticklish questions which that body has faced in some time. It is believed there was a profound hope last year on the part of the inner circle that the applicant would quietly withdraw the application and thus enable the council to avoid the embarrassment of taking a position.

It was evident that if a decision had to be made, it must be a denial of the petition, not because of the council's "evangelical position" but because there was more to gain than lose by keeping the Universalists out. Admission of this denomination would provide the evangelical wing of the Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist, and other bodies with another concrete example for which they have been waiting to prove that the Federal Council is disloyal to the doctrine of the deity of Christ. Some, if not all, of these denominations, would have withdrawn if the Universalists had come in.

We would like to believe that the council was motivated by a real desire to take its stand on the fundamentals of the faith. If it would do this, and if it would also concentrate its efforts on the propagation of the gospel instead of on lesser objectives, there would be no need of N.A.E. We could then have a truly united Protestantism.

We believe there are good and sufficient reasons for our conviction that the decision was purely a matter of expediency—losing a few thousand adherents against losing possibly millions. Here are the reasons: It is a well known fact that there are many clergymen and other prominent leaders in some of the denominations within the council constituency who are Unitarian and Universalist in their convictions. Many have not hesitated to so declare themselves publicly and in print. And yet they are in the Council fold in good standing. They never have been censured by their respective denominations or by the Federal Council for their Unitarian position.

Furthermore, although Unitarian bodies apparently are still not eligible for council membership, there is a back door by which they can be admitted to the circle of its fellowship and leadership. Most of the city, county, and state organizations known as councils or federations admit denominations which deny the deity of our Lord. If anyone thinks these local organizations are not a part of the council set-up, they should read the annual reports.

There are optimists who sincerely believe that the Federal Council is on the road to a four square evangelical position. We heartily wish that facts bore out this belief, but the only convincing proof for the evangelicals will be its repudiation of all those who deny the historic doctrines of our faith, which are the common ground of unity and co-operation among those who love the Gospel.

J. ELWIN WRIGHT

GOD'S SERVICE STAR

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ruption was present too terrible to print, but in that dark sky the star appeared, and there were wise men who saw and believed.

It is very dark today. We have feared how the lamp of liberty should be blacked out. Our fears were groundless for "His star" is still in the sky. You have not seen that star? Then, you are looking down in place of looking up. The light is heaven-born: earth cannot give it. We have to say with the Psalmist: "I will lift up my eyes."

Every man, woman or lover must recognize the volitional element in life. We may will to look, or we may will not to look. Nevertheless, the divine word is this: "Look unto Me, and be ye saved." Look and live!

Seeking hearts now "find" their "seeking" hearts see "His star" now. Obedient hearts found the Christ then: obedient hearts may find the Christ now. Humble men sought Him then: humble hearts may seek Him now. Needy hearts found Him then; and needy hearts may find Him now.

Love is not dead and truth is not perished. Love is here, because "His star" is here. Love shall reign, because the star still shines. Truth cannot die since "HIS STAR" is in the sky.

The star points to the Saviour; He who is light and yet ever night: "the Christ who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Yes, the star brings us to the place where we learn that His humility is our salvation, while His salvation is our humility, for having seen "His star" the cry of our hearts is this: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Like the wise men of old — having seen "His star" we travel another road — the way of peace, and the road of victory.

C. G. E. C.

Render Unto Caesar

The two-year war between James Caesar Petrillo and the manufacturers of phonograph recordings is over. Like the famous hero of an early American conflict (but in reverse) great R. C. A. and C. B. S. have announced in effect, "We have met the enemy and we are his'n."

Into the coffers of the American Federation of Musicians will commence to tinkle the pennies exacted by this twentieth century Caesar as royalties on all recordings to the pleasant tune of $4,000,000 yearly.

This Petrillo is the gentleman who announced several years ago that eventually there would be no music over the air on any broadcast except that which is played by members of the American Federation of Musicians. This will mean that even a church organist, playing the music of a Sunday morning worship service in your church will either join the union before that broadcast or the church will pay a "stand-by" charge of $17 "up" to the union for each service.

The day when the union can make good this threat seems to be too close for comfort.

The whole business shows the immense power which can be wielded by one man in this democracy of ours who has succeeded in becoming the dictator of a small fraction of our population through unionism.

Edward Wallerstein, president of C.B.S., states that his company's submission is due to inaction on the part of the Government. "The economic pressures on us are such that we can wait no longer and must either sign or go out of business," he said. "We are finally signing because of the Government's unwillingness or inability to enforce its orders."

Petrillo's boycott of these companies lasted twenty-eight months. The Government stood behind him by the laws which a New Deal Congress passed and by the interpretation of those laws by the Supreme Court.

The War Labor Board ordered him to lift the ban on recordings five months ago. He coolly ignored the order. Nothing happened. Of course not. Petrillo is a labor leader of the kind which has risen above all respect for orders from anyone. A month ago President Roosevelt begged him to send his men back to work. He refused.

Here is a concrete example of a modern type of super-government which is being instituted in this country, even while our armies are fighting for the four freedoms in Europe and Asia. It is government by the "block" system. It is accomplished by the simple expedient of getting the labor control of some industry more or less essential to the comfort, happiness or convenience of the people and then proceeding to high-jack the rest of the population into submission to the demands of this group.

The $4,000,000 which will be collected in 1945 by Petrillo constitutes a tax which we will all help to pay because, of course, it will not be paid by the recording companies. Every record purchaser will share the burden.

Here is food for thought. If A.F.M. can successfully tax the American public for its records then other unions can institute the same system. Presently we may be paying another tax on many of our necessities.

Unless there is a return to real democracy in this country, there will be two, or possibly 102, taxing agencies. One of these will be the government, the others, the various labor unions.

J. ELWIN WRIGHT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, November 1	$ 208.72
Receipts	6,375.85
	$6,584.57
Disbursements	5,699.80
	$ 884.77
1944 N. A. E. Budget	$75,000.00
Received during first eight months	34,334.50
Balance needed	$40,665.50

All friends who are interested in this great movement for United Action among Evangelicals are urged to take the financial needs of the work on their hearts, praying and giving as the Lord directs.

Roving Reporter

Dr. Charles E. Fuller has pur-
chased a five acre property in
the heart of Pasadena for the
establishment of a graduate
school for those who desire to
train for evangelism. The school
will be owned and run by the
Fuller Evangelistic Foundation
and will provide a short, intensive course comparable to the
courses provided by the govern-
ment for chaplaincy candidates.
Mr. Fuller plans to staff the
Foundation with men who will
go out over America to conduct
evangelistic campaigns in the
needy areas. They will be on
salary and no obligation will be
placed on the churches to which
they go other than to receive an
offering in each series for the
Foundation.

Much is being said these days
about security. Men desire
guaranteed jobs, guaranteed
wages, guaranteed hospitaliza-
tion, guaranteed vacations with
pay, and numerous other things
which are certainly attractive
and to be desired. The stark
fact is that these guarantees are
not possible without a "planned
economy" which involves the in-
evitable loss of some of the lib-
erties which we profess to prize.
During the exigencies of war, we
have not grumbled much over
enforced residence in areas
where there was a labor short-
age, but in peace time, can we
imagine the average American's
willingness to live where the
government dictates, and to have
all his business and pleasure
directed by officialdom? Per-
sonally, we are for more free-
dom, even if it means less se-
curity. We don't care to be
shuffled about like chessmen by
a board for the sake of the pos-
sible financial benefits.

Dr. Herman Kuiper, member of
the Board of Administration of
N. A. E., recently resigned the
pastorate of the Fourth Christian
Reformed Church of Roseland,
Chicago, Illinois, to take up the
pastorate of the Christian Re-
formed Church of Rock Valley,
Iowa. Dr. Kuiper's present
charge is the second largest
Christian Reformed Church west
of the Mississippi. Our con-
gratulations and prayers go with
him in this enlarged ministry.

January 20 will be inaugu-
tion day for our President. A
suggestion is being made that
January 21, which is Sunday,
set as a day of intercession for
Mr. Roosevelt and all in au-
ity. The gravest issues we have
faced as a nation will be before
us during these years. We be-
lieve that God will give the
leaders wisdom beyond that
which they possess naturally as
we bear them up in prayer. We
suggest that all evangelical
churches cooperate in making
this day one of earnest in-
cession.

Rev. Melville G. Kohler is
spending the month of Janu-
ber in a series of confer-
with our N. A. E. leaders in the
West in preparation for the
conferences on Evangelism to be
held in March and April.

Presbyterians Open 'Call To Prayer' Campa

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 1[illegible]
—A "Call to Prayer" cam-
has been opened by the
byterian Church in the
(Southern) under the di-
of a special committee hea-
Dr. P. Frank Price, retire
sionary who served for 3[illegible]
in China.

The committee asks [illegible]
sessions, diaconates, co-
committees, auxiliaries,
clubs, church courts,
school teachers, "and all
groups within the church to
icate a part of each mee-
united prayer, and to
new groups everywhere."

It is further urged that
cial meetings in homes
as in churches" be held
cial intercession, in
"confession of personal,
ate, and national sins" be
a part of the prayer a
dition of promised blessi

aldensians Begin Reconstruction Of War Damaged Property In Italy

By HELEN HIETT
...ews Service Correspondent

...NE, Dec. 16—Italy's eight-...y old major Protestant ...the Waldensians—have be-...reconstruction work in lib-...d areas.

...most task is the rebuilding ...urch property damaged and ...ed by war.

...aldensian churches in Mas-...and Reggio Calabria have ...demolished. Serious damage ...been done to the Waldensian ...h and hospital in Turin and ...er buildings in Genoa, Leg-... Pisa, Palermo, and Milan. ...German shells fell on the ...church on Via Quattro No-...r last year, but the extent ...damage they caused has now ...repaired.

...s are under way to reopen ...ical schools, seventeen of ... were closed by the Fasc-... One of these schools, in ..., with a normal enroll-... of 20 has already been re-...d with 85 pupils and many ... were turned away for lack ...

...ssing the production and ...tion of Evangelical litera-... another Waldensian aim. ... the present time Walden-...n liberated Italy have been ... to secure Allied permis-... to print a single newspaper. ...historic Protestant sect is ...ssing to raise the salaries ... pastors. Current salaries ...$25 a month, which is ...ss sufficient for food, let ... other necessities. The ... has been able to continue ... the war only because its ... were willing to accept ... of sub-subsistence level.

...ng the past twenty years, ...g to Dr. Guido Comba, ...l secretary of the Walden-...hurch in Italy, the work of ...elation has been serious-...mpped by Fascist reg-... Rules which the Fascists ...ve designed to secure the ...ion of the Church op-... conversely to prevent its ...ment. For example, pas-...could not be transferred ...one place to another with-...ecific permission; Fascist ...could veto any kind of ...; and all open air gather-...re forbidden.

...ever, these restrictions ... in their purpose and, as ...ians points out, "the Wal-...' opposition to Fascist ...ship lent a character of ...ty to the true witness, and ...ite deepening of spiritual-... been experienced in many ...."

...ng the democratic revolu-... of 1848, the Waldensians ...e right to live and work ...ywhere outside their own ...ain valleys. Thus, in the ...dred years, they have ... throughout the Italian ...la until today there are ...ant groups of them in Sici-...bria, and Abruzzie, as ...ll as in the larger cities of ...central and northern Italy such ...as Turin, Milan, Venice, Genoa, ...Leghorn, Florence, and Rome. ...At present there are 56 churches ...or mission stations throughout ...Italy. The Waldensians own more ...than a hundred buildings outside ...their own valleys, have 52 pas-...tors at work, 33 elders and dea-...cons, 109 Sunday schools with an ...attendance of 4,600 children, and ...an Evangelical population of more ...than 20,000. In addition, the sect ...operates numerous schools and ...benevolent institutions.

...The Waldensians in Italy work ...in full fellowship with other Pro-...testant sects. The question of a ...union of the Wesleyan Methodists ...in Italy with the Waldensians ...has been discussed and such a ...union is in view by the end of the ...war.

f Of Chaplains ade Maj.-Gen.

...NGTON, D. C., Dec. 13 ... The new rank of ma-... was conferred here ... Brigadier-General ... R. Arnold, chief of ..., at informal ceremon-... War Department. The ... followed Senate ap-... President Roosevelt's ...mendation pro-... Chaplain Arnold to ...

...George F. Rixey, deputy ...chaplains, whose promo-... President to brigadier ... was also approved by ..., was officially pre-... his new insignia at ... ceremony. The pro-... authorized by an act of ... last summer, raised ... Corps to the same ... other corps in the U. S.

Indiana Court Upholds Ruling Taxing Income-Producing Property Of Religious Groups

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15 (RNS) — An opinion has been handed down here by Circuit Court Judge Earl R. Cox upholding the constitutionality of a 1937 Indiana statute placing on the tax rolls all income-producing property owned in the state by religious, fraternal, educational, and scientific institutions.

The law went into effect this year, with the first tax payments due in 1945. If the Circuit Court ruling is upheld on appeal to the State Supreme Court, several million dollars' worth of property in Indianapolis and elsewhere in the state will be assessed.

The opinion was given in a complaint for a declaratory judgment to enjoin Marion County taxing officials from placing on the tax lists the property of five fraternal organizations in the state.

Indiana's constitution, the court found, provides that property owned for charitable, educational, religious, and scientific purposes exclusively may be exempt from taxation. The 1921 Legislature passed an act ordering such exemption. Fraternal, charitable, educational, religious, and scientific organizations then accepted gifts of property from individuals, some of which is income-producing. The 1937 Legislature passed an act putting back on the tax lists all such property not used exclusively for the purposes set out in the constitution.

"The entire lawsuit," Judge Cox declared, "revolved itself around the meaning of the word 'exclusively'. The legal question involved is 'did the 1937 Legislature have the right to pass the statute and is that statute valid and constitutional'?

"The court holds that the Legislature had the right to pass the 1921 act and that that act was valid. The 1937 Legislature had the same right to pass the act and it is valid, for the right to create is the power to destroy."

Congregation Asked to Furnish Autos for Pastors

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 7 (RNS)—Suggestion that congregations supply automobiles for the use of ministers in their pastoral work in much the same manner that companies supply automobiles for employees who must travel in their work was made here by the Rev. Henry W. Fischer, Saginaw, chairman of the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan's ministerial relations committee.

Youth Rallies In Worcester, Mass.

WORCESTER, Dec. 13—Youth for Christ rallies have been conducted at Worcester, Mass., for the past three months, at present on a monthly basis, the first rally in October with Jack Wyrtzen, Carlton Booth and Norman Clayton; in November, John "Duke" Duchardt as the speaker with a 20-piece young people's orchestra and an all-girl choir rendering inspiring instrumental and vocal gospel music.

On Saturday night, Dec. 2, Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, president of Providence Bible Institute, delivered a very challenging and inspirational message to young people with many responding to the invitation of their desire to be in the direct will of God as to the divine will of their individual lives. The male quartet of the institute sang as did the Youth for Christ all-girl choir under the direction of Milton Peters. These rallies are being held at the Belmont St. Baptist Church and are sponsored by the Christian Youth of the Conservative Christian Fellowship, Calvin B. Barber, acting director.

Young people gather on the Saturday nights between rallies at Bethel Mission for singspiration and prayer for unsaved young folks, that they might be reached for Christ in some Youth for Christ rally.

Clergyman Commissioned For Life Work In Home Mission Field

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 14 (RNS)—Believed to be the first man commissioned for life work in the home mission field, the Rev. Marshall M. Stevenson has been appointed by the New Hampshire Congregational Christian Conference to the pastorate of a rural church at Canterbury, N. H., where it is expected he will remain five to seven years before being assigned a new charge by the conference trustees.

Declaring that the "curse of the rural church is the short-term pastorate," Dr. Robert G. Armstrong, conference secretary, pointed out that the arrangement was patterned after the commissioning of missionaries to the foreign field, and predicted the Canterbury experiment would be the forerunner of a new movement to strengthen the rural church.

Indian Seen As Challenge To Missionaries

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (RNS) Dec. 13—The American Indian represents a definite challenge to the missionary work of every denomination, the Rev. Robert F. Chatt, president of the National Fellowship of Indian Workers, declared here. In the span of fifty years, he asserted, the Indian has given up much of his nomad existence and is settling down to the tilling of the soil and the establishment of modern homes.

"The war has greatly accelerated this development," the Indian missionary said. "Many have left their rural life and have shown a wonderful knack of adaptability in all kinds of highly technical and mechanical jobs. For the first time, the Indian has an opportunity to earn a good living at a trade other than farming.

"He is looking to the future with a great deal of confidence. He will not be interested in the segregation of the reservation. He wants to be an active part of the new world, although he is somewhat perplexed by the crumbling of his old life, and the insecurity of the new."

Mr. Chatt announced that the Native American Church of the U. S., with headquarters at El Reno, Okla., has amended its charter to include all Indian tribes. Purpose of the corporation, he said, is "to foster religious belief and customs of the several Indian tribes, and to promote morality, sobriety, industry, charity, and self-respect."

The Indian missionary warned that use of the peyote bean, a drug which produces "hallucinations" and is condemned by doctors as harmful, is on the increase among the tribes.

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Quakers Deny Ample Food Supplies Are Available In War-Torn Countries

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12—Quakers, who have been conducting relief activities throughout the world for generations, declared today that ample food supplies are not available in war-torn countries to meet the needs of the people.

"Most war correspondents," the committee declared, "are not inclined to start the suffering of any group, knowing, with a flood of other news, they may temporarily be arousing sympathy at unbearable levels and undue and apparently unnecessary demands for shipping. The natural hope that a quick victory in Europe will bring enough additional help from abroad," the committee asserted, "Consequently, despite the fact that we are filling up with suspected collaborators, factories are closing as German war orders are cancelled and raw materials are cut off, causing wide unemployment. The result, natural, great relief problems. What is the case in France is duplicated in industrial Belgium."

"The whole of Italy," it added, "nears starvation."

The Quakers expressed fear of widespread suffering and urged that it be impressing, logical work, possibly with the Allied governments, in the distribution of relief supplies.

"The Giver of manna and all blessings is by no means," the committee said, "still not more abundant provisions, unless we have the right spirit of organizing so that it is a spirit of generous and impartial goodwill.

"There is enough food in the world if we share what we have, to meet minimum needs, but not enough if we cling only to what we think we need in Italy, and allow starvation to overwhelm people of Europe."

Asking what plans are being made now, while the war still rages, to meet the needs of the future, the Committee declared: "Only one way to conscience our question. Does this mean that relief must be left until all the Allied nations are fully prepared, before they receive? Again and again, how deep-seated they want food, clothes, and medicines?"

Say You Saw It In United Evangelical Action

Arkansas Baptists Wipe Out Moral Debt To Newsboy

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ANP) Dec. 12—By paying a total of $66.66 to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the race is full its moral obligation to foreign missionaries, who, for centuries of time, received their salaries from the Negro Baptists. The Rev. E. T. Bridges, executive secretary of the Convention, announced here. He added that 64 Conventions, meeting in various parts of the state, raised a total of $2,000,000 to foreign missionaries.

When the Convention voted last November to substitute the new conference rate, but, however, when it $1,000,000 instalment was legally settled on a 25 per cent basis in 1907. It requested that contributions be paid over. Payments were made from pulpit funds and from gifts by individual Baptists and churches.

The Baptist State Hospital Board of Trustees asked to contribute $50,000 to the effort, was a court decision necessitating them from the Convention's demand.

Dr. Harry McCormick Lintz

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 — Speaker at Chicagoland's 12th annual Easter sunrise service, which draws more than 50,000 persons annually to Soldier Field, will be Dr. Harry McCormick Lintz, well-known Southern evangelist. Christel Booth, of Providence, R. I., will be song leader, and Beverly Shea, gifted Chicago bass baritone, soloist.

Gospels Given Mexicans In Salvation Army

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 11—Two million copies of gospels were distributed in business during the past year Salvation Army in a campaign to bring about reading of the Scriptures reported at the Congress Evangelism here.

The Congress, which with a rally of 2,000 persons all the Protestant denominations in Mexico, was held at Army headquarters, with ranking Salvation Army from the United States in ance. They made the trip ticipate in the inauguration new Salvation Army school for officers here.

Plans to distribute throughout Mexico were at the Congress, and also taken to strengthen among all the evangelicals in Mexico.

The visiting Salvation officials were guests of honor attended by 60 prominent citizens of Mexico. After 50 orphans being cared for Army at its headquarters visitors inspected the institution's new farm for paroled prisoners, who are raising pigs, and vegetables.

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